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SUBJ: QADHAFI'S VISIT TO POLAND: HIGH-LEVEL RECEPTION,
HARD MIDDLE EAST LINE, SPECULATION ON POSSIBLE OIL-
FOR-SERVICES DEAL

1. LIBYAN HEAD OF STATE COLONEL MUAMMAR QADHAFI
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SPENT JUNE 29 - JULY 1 ON THE POLISH SEGMENT OF
HIS EAST EUROPEAN TOUR. HE MET PRIVATELY WITH
FIRST SECRETARY OF THE POLISH UNITED WORKERS' PARTY
(PZPR) EDWARD GIEREK SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL.
LATER IN THE DAY GIEREK PINNED THE GRAND RIBAND
OF THE ORDER OF MERIT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
ON QADHAFI. SANDWICHEDE BETWEEN THESE TWO EVENTS

WERE PLENARY TALKS WHICH FEATURED EXTENSIVE HIGH LEVEL PARTICIPATION ON THE POLISH SIDE, INCLUDING CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE HENRYK JABLONSKI, POLITBURO MEMBERS EDWARD BABIUCH AND LIECZYSLAW JAGIELSKI, PZPR SECRETARY RYSZARD FRELEK, DIRECTOR OF THE PZPR CENTRAL COMMITTEE CHANCERY JERZY WASCZUK, DIRECTOR OF THE HWPR CC FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT WACLAW PIATKOWSKI INV MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS EMIL WOJTASZEK, MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE JERZY OLSZEWSKI, MINISTER OF ADMINISTRATION, LOCAL ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MARIA MILCZAREK, MINISTER OF MACHINE INDUSTRY ALEKSANDER KOPEC, MINISTER OF HEALTH MARIAN SLIWINSKI, FIRST VICE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE STEFAN ZAWODZINSKI, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION SYKSTUS OLESIK, VICE-MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE FLORIAN SIWICKI, AND VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS EUGENIUSZ KULAGA.

2. ON JUNE 30 JAGIELSKI HELD SEPARATE TALKS WITH LIBYAN SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY DJADALLAH AZUZ TALHI, WHILE WOJTASZEK MET WITH LIBYAN SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DR. ALI TREIKI. THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PLENARY TALKS REGROUPED FOR A FINAL SESSION ON JULY 1.

3. QADHAFI REMAINED IN WARSAW THROUGHOUT HIS STAY IN POLAND. TOURS OF THE OLD TOWN AND URSYNOW, WARSAW'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LARGEST HOUSING PROJECT, AND A PRESS CONFERENCE COMPRISED THE PUBLIC PART OF HIS VISIT.

4. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THE VISIT WAS PUBLISHED JULY 3 IN TRYBUNA LUDU, THE OFFICIAL PZPR DAILY. IN THE SECTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, THE FORMULATIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST TOOK A NOTABLY HARDER LINE THAN HAS BEEN MANIFESTED IN RECENT POLISH PRONOUNCEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT. ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE, BOTH SIDES, IN ORDER TO "STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND THE UNITY OF INTERNATIONAL FORCES IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, RACISM, ZIONISM AS A FORM OF RACISM, AND REACTION", AGREED THAT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST REQUIRES THE "LIBERATION OF ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND ENSURING THE ARAB NATIONS OF PALESTINE ITS INALIENABLE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, THE RIGHT TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES AND TO SET UP AN INDEPENDENT STATE". THE COMMUNIQUE ASSERTED THAT CONTINUATION OF ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST THE ARAB NATIONS POSES A SERIOUS

THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. MISSING
WAS A REFERENCE, CUSTOMARY IN RECENT POLISH FORMULATIONS
ON THE MIDDLE EAST, TO THE RIGHT OF ALL COUNTIRES
IN THE AREA TO LIVE IN PEACE BEHIND SECURE BORDERS.

5. ON OTHER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, THE COMMUNIQUE
STATED THAT THE PARTIES:
(A) "SUPPORT NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
AND REVOLUTIONARY FORCES IN AFRICA IN THEIR FIGHT
FOR THE FULL LIQUIDATION OF COLONIALISM AND RACISM";
(B) DENOUNCE THE INTERFERENCE OF IMPERIALIST
FORCES IN THE AFFAIRS OF AFRICA";
(C) " CONDEMN... PLANS FOR STARTING THE PRODUCTION
OF THE NEUTRON BOMB";
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(D) "DEMAND THE REMOVAL OF IMPERIALIST MILITARY
BASES FRON (THE MEDITERRANEAN)"; (NOTE: QADHAFI, IN A SPEECH
AT A JUNE 30 STATE DINNER IN HIS HONOR, SUPPORTED THE
"WORKERS PARTY OF MALTA STRUGGLING FOR THE LIBERATION
OF MALTA FROM THE SUPREMACY OF FOREIGN BASES".)
(E) "BACK A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER "BASED ON THE JUST
PRINCIPLES OF MUTUAL PROFIT AND EQUAL MEMBERSHIP".

6. THE BILATERAL PORTION OF THE JOIN COMMUNIQUE
CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS:
(A) BOTH SIDES RESOLVED TO HOLD TOP-LEVEL

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SYSTEMATIC MEETINGS AND CONSULTATIONS AS WELL AS
TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS BETWEEN APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES
AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES";

B) BOTH SIDES PLEDGED TO PAY "SPECIAL ATTENTION
TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE
OF TRANSPORT, INCLUDING SEA TRANSPORT, THE CONSTRUCTION
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OF PORTS AND SHIPYARDS, THE CHEMICAL, CONSTRUCTION
MATERIALS, POWER, AND AGRICULTURAL FOODSTUFFS INDUSTRIES,
CONSTRUCTION, CONSTRUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS
AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING";

C) CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL, MASS MEDIA,
AND TOURIST EXCHANGE BETWEEN POLAND AND LIBYA WILL
INCREASE;

D) STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO REINFORCE PREVIOUS
AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGY
COOPERATION AGREEMENT OF 1974, THE PROTOCOL OF THE
1976 OFFICIAL TALKS, AND THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS FROM
THE 1977 SESSION OF THE MIXED ECONOMIC COMMISSION.

7. LIBYAN SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY DJADALLAH AZUZ TALHI
STAYED BEHIND TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT "FOR FURTHER
DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC-
TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION". JAGIELSKI SIGNED FOR
THE POLES. ACCORDING TO TRYBUNA LUDU OF JULY 4, "IN
THE JOINT PROGRAM BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED APPRECIATION

FOR THE RESULTS ACHIEVED SO FAR IN MUTUAL COOPERATION
AND THE WORK OF POLISH ENTERPRISES AND SPECIALISTS
AEORKING IN LIBYA." (NOTE: AN ARTICLE IN THE JULY 5 NEUE ZUERCHER
ZEITUNG CLAIMED 3,500 POLES ARE WORKING ON VARIOUS
PROJECTS IN LIBYA.)

8. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE PICKED UP SOME VIGNETTES
ON THE QADHAFI VISIT. ACCORDING TO A TURKISH DIPLOMAT,
QADHAFI HAD WANTED TO VISIT POLAND AS LONG AS TWO
YEARS AGO BUT REFUSED TO COME UNLESS HE RECEIVED
AN INVITATION FROM GIEREK INSTEAD OF THE CUSTOMARY
ONE FROM JABLONSKI AS HEAD OF STATE. GIEREK, THE
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TURKISH DIPLOMAT SAID, FINALLY ISSUED THE INVITATION
AS "HEAD OF THE POLISH NATION" TO SATISFY QADHAFI.

9. TWO POLISH PROTOCOL OFFICERS SAID THE QADHAFI
VISIT WAS THE MOST DIFFICULT THEY HAD EXPERIENCED.
IN GENERAL, THEY SAID, SECURITY WAS NOT A SPECIAL
PROBLEM; 70 MEMBERS OF QADHAFI'S ENTOURAGE OF 170 BELONGED
TO HIS OWN SPECIAL SECURITY FORCE. HOWEVER, SECURITY PROBLEMS,
AS WELL AS PERHAPS THE MOST SERIOUS PROTOCOL PROBLEM
OF THE VISIT, WERE RAISED BY QADHAFI'S MEETING WITH
ARAB AMBASSADORS AT THE SEJM (PARLIAMENT). QADHAFI
NEITHER ASKED POLISH OFFICIALS FOR PERMISSION TO
USE A POLISH GOVERNMENT BUILDING FOR HIS PRIVATE
MEETING, NOR DID HE INFORM THE POLES OF HIS PLANS.
SECURITY GUARDS AT THE SEJM WERE THROWN INTO A
QUANDARY WHEN THE ARAB AMBASSADORS BEGAN TO ARRIVE,
AND THE AMBASSADORS WERE ALLOWED TO ENTER ONLY AFTER
FRANTIC CONSULTATION WITH MFA PROTOCOL.

10. ACORDING TO THE OFFICERS, PROTOCOL ALSO WAS
TAKEN ABACK OVER "UNEXPECTED" REQUIREMENTS FOR RITUAL
BUTCHERING OF MEAT, ACCORDING TO STRICT MOSLEM LAW,
TO FEED THE LIBYAN GUESTS. THE DCM OF THE LIBYAN
EMBASSY FINALLY SERVED AS RITUAL BUTCHER AND PERFORMED
ALL THE NECESSARY SLAUGHTERING. HOWEVER, A SLIP-UP
OCCURRED AT THE STATE DINNER WHERE THE MAIN COURSE
WAS A CHICKEN DISH THAT NO ONE COULD ASSURE QADHAFI
HAD BEEN PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MOSLEM LAW.
CONSEQUENTLY, QADHAFI ATE A LARGE GREEN SALAD AS HIS
MAIN COURSE. IN ADDITION, ALL FUNCTIONS DURING THE
VISIT WERE ALCOHOL FREE, PUTTING AN ADDED STRAIN
ON MANY POLISH PARTICIPANTS. ON THE OTHER HAND,
A WESTERN REPORTER WHO CHECKED INTO THE VICTORIA
HOTEL SHORTLY AFTER THE QADHAFI TEAM LEFT SAID HE WAS
TOLD THE ENTOURAGE LEFT THE HOTEL IN SHAMBLES.
APPARENTLY MANY OF QADHAFI'S COHORTS, ENTICED BY

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EASILY AVAILABLE LIQUOR, WENT ON A BINGE.

11. THE PROTOCOL OFFICERS SAID QADHAFI LEFT WARSAW TWO HOURS BEHIND SCHEDULE (FORCING THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO STAND AROUND THE MILITARY AIRPORT DURING THE INTERIM ON AN UNUSUALLY WARM DAY FOR WARSAW). SIMPLY BECAUSE HE WANTED TO SLEEP IN. SIMILARLY, A PLENARY SESSION AT THE SEJM, PLANNED TO LAST AN HOUR, DRAGGED ON FOR AN EXTRA HOUR WHILE QADHAFI CHATTED WITH VARIOUS POLISH OFFICIALS ABOUT NON-SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS.

12. COMMENT: THE POLISH PRESS DID NOT CARRY QADHAFI'S STATEMENT, AS REPORTED ON WESTERN WIRE SERVICES, THAT LIBYA WANTS TO SELL OIL TO POLAND. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT PROBABLE THAT ACQUISITION OF LIBYAN OIL TOPPED THE POLISH SIDE OF THE ECONOMIC AGENDA. GIVEN POLAND'S TIGHT HARD CURRENCY POSITION, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD THE POLES OFFERED TO PROVIDE EXPERTISE AND MANPOWER IN FIELDS SUCH AS SHIPBUILDING IN EXCHANGE FOR THE OIL. AS YET, WE HAVE NO BASIS FOR JUDGING HOW CLOSE THE PARTIES MAY BE TO STRIKING A DEAL. END COMMENT. SCHAUFELE

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